



Weekly News

Did you know...?

Marking 150 years of Tremont Tremont's Sesquicentennial Celebration

There are a few in Tremont who were at the 1935 Centennial, which celebrated Tremont's 100th birthday. More may remember the 1960 Jubilee which was held to mark 125 years of Tremont. But there are many in Tremont who can vividly recall the Sesquicentennial activities of June 7-16, 1985.

The planning committee in 1985 could look back on the elaborate celebrations of the past as a guide to create a more modern version. The John B. Rogers Company out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was hired to assist with ideas for organizing the event. Their slogan was "A celebration is something to BE...not just something to SEE." Those who remember the Sesquicentennial will never forget the fun and memories made in celebrating 150 years of the town of Tremont.

According to chairpersons Dennis and Sandy Mitchell, the celebration took 150 days of planning. Eighteen members were on the committee. The first informational meeting was not well-attended. However, people soon caught the enthusiasm and, as Dennis Mitchell said, by the time of the Sesquicentennial in June, "at least half of the community was involved in one way or the other." The Tremont Turkey Festival was also held during the first three days of the June Sesquicentennial. Darrel and Jane Phelps were chairpersons of the Turkey Festival, cooperating with the Mitchells.

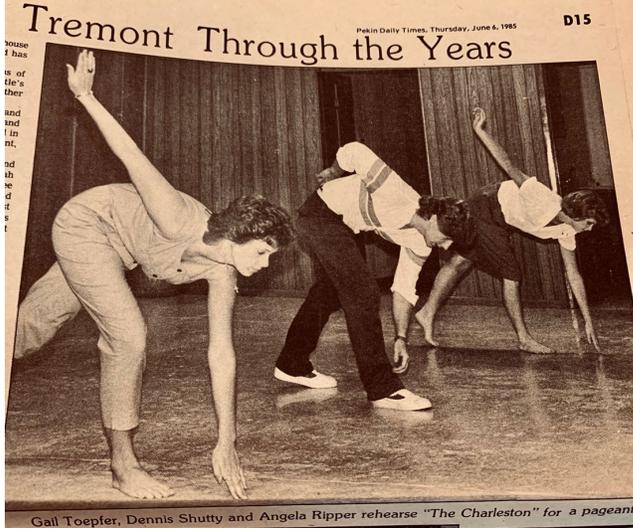
The first celebration in 1935 presented an elaborate historical pageant. Not to be outdone, in 1985, over 200 Tremont residents took part in five days of performances of a "Tremont Through The Years" pageant. The pageant, chock full of Central Illinois history, was professionally written, directed and choreographed, and the actors had to audition for parts. The high school football field was the site of a specially designed stage for the event.

As in the two previous celebrations, men were encouraged to grow beards and join "The Brothers of the Brush Club" and women joined the "Prairie Belles Club." The ladies were busy making costumes and bonnets to wear in depicting the earliest residents. If they did not wear their dresses and bonnets during the sesquicentennial days, they were not allowed to wear makeup into town. We are not sure how much that was enforced!

The activities were many and attracted people from all over in the "high thousands." There were bed races, three-legged races, a food fair, horseshoe pitching contests, mud volleyball contests, birthday cake decorating contests, band performances, a fast-pitch softball tournament, an 1835-1985 wedding gown style show, a square dance, and much much more. Grand Marshalls of the parade were the Methodist church pastor, Rev. Robert Pitsch, and his wife, Helen. The events ended on the final Sunday with a vespers service and closing ceremonies.

For some reason, no events were held in 2010 for the 175th celebration of Tremont's beginning. But maybe we can look forward to 2035 and a huge 200th birthday bash to celebrate Tremont!

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FOR VARIANCE UNDER THE VILLAGE OF TREMONT ZONING ORDINANCE

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on **August 26, 2021** at 7:00 PM at the Tremont Village Hall, 211 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois, concerning a requested variance from the regulations of the Village's Zoning Ordinance. The variance would allow the construction of a parking area with a surface other than an asphaltic or concrete surface as required by Section 1205.8 of the Village of Tremont Zoning Ordinance on the property commonly known as 235 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois (PIN 12-12-18-331-014).

By order of the Zoning Board of the Village of Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Please see the [attached flyer](#) with additional information.

To make an appointment, call Lisa Miller at 309-925-2051 Ext 1016.

Tremont Library

Story Hour at the Library

Thursdays: August 26th, September 9th, September 23rd, October 14th, October 28th, November 11th, December 9th, December 23rd

Story Hour at the library is back and there is a brand-new schedule! This fall, we'll be hosting Story Hour in the meeting room on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Any questions? Call 925-5432, or email Miss Lizzi at tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com

World Book Encyclopedia -- Free with your Library Card

Looking for lesson plans for homeschooling, to prevent summer slide, or both? Check out World Book's lesson plans! To access World Book, use your Tremont library card to login from home. <http://tremontlibrary.com/children-2/>

Monday

Golf at Illini Central - 4:00PM

MS SB home vs Illini Bluffs - 4:15PM

MS BB at Morton Union - 4:15PM

Tuesday

MS SB at Georgetowne - 4:15PM

MS BB at Georgetowne - 4:15PM

Wednesday

MS SB home vs Dee-Mack - 4:15PM

MS BB home vs Dee-Mack - 4:15PM

Thursday

Golf at Fieldcrest - 4:00PM

Friday

MS SB home vs Metamora - 4:15PM

MS BB home vs Metamora - 4:15PM

Saturday

Farmers Market - 9:00AM-12:00PM
City Park

MS SB at Morton - 10:00AM

MS BB at Eureka - 10:00AM

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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